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REQUEST FOR EXAMINATION OF APPLICATION

Applicants received an Office communication dated 30 September 2005 (the communication) in connection with the above-referenced patent application. The communication states that action in this application is stayed in view of concurrent litigation. Applicants hereby specifically request that the application be examined.

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